

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

25 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR P HALL - CHAIRMAN  
MR R MAYNE - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs M Aldridge, Mr JG Bannister, Mr PR Batty, Mr CW Boothby, Mr JC Bown, Mr MB Cartwright, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr DM Gould, Mr DW Inman, Mr CG Joyce, Mr K Morrell, Mr K Nichols and Mr BE Sutton.

Officers in attendance: Mr PF Cash, Mrs T Darke, Ms S Humphries, Miss R Owen, Mr R Palmer and Mr S Payne.

245 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr JD Cort, Mrs A Hall, Mr T McClure, Mr LJP O'Shea and Mrs J Richards and the following substitutions authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3:-

Mr Batty for Mr Cort;  
Mr Boothby for Mr O'Shea.

246 MINUTES (P29)

It was noted that on page 72 of the minutes (application 07/00529/FUL – minute 162(b) refers), the 'Notes to Applicant' section, points 1-12, was included in error and should be deleted. It was also noted that Mr KWP Lynch was present for part of the meeting but was not on the list of attendees.

On the motion of Mr Bown, seconded by Mr Nichols, it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2007 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the 2 abovementioned amendments.

247 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this time.

248 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED (P30)

The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications, together with a list of late items, and the recommendations of the Head of Culture and Development.

At the commencement of discussion on application 07/00789/REM, Mr Batty declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the application as a previous employee of Barratt East Midlands.

07/00825/FUL Costalot Stables, Barlestone Road, Bagworth – Mr J Wilshaw

Some Members felt that approval of this application for a double-width (8 metre) access gate would set a precedent as the other fields in the area had only a single-width (5 metre) gate.

It was moved by Mr Boothby and seconded by Mr Crooks that the application be amended to add a condition allowing a 5 metre wide gate to be installed. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was declared CARRIED with 5 votes for the amendment and 4 against.

It was therefore

RESOLVED – the application be approved with the following additional condition:

Condition 5:

Within one month of the date of this permission, the access shall be altered to a width of a maximum of 5 metres for a distance of at least 5 metres behind the Highway boundary. The amended access drive once provided shall be so maintained at all times.

Mr Boothby left the meeting at 7.50pm.

249 OMBUDSMAN CASES 2007 (P31)

The Planning Committee was informed of decisions on Ombudsman cases within the Borough. In response to a question, it was noted that costs to the authority were not usually significant in Ombudsman cases.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

250 LONGER TIME LIMITS FOR PROSECUTION OF BREACHES OF BUILDING REGULATIONS (P32)

Members were informed of the publication of the consultation document on longer time limits for prosecution of breaches of Building Regulations and were presented with the suggested response of the Authority to the consultation.

RESOLVED – the report be endorsed and the comments be forwarded to the DCLG.

251 APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED (P33)

A summary was submitted of appeals lodged and determined since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

252 APPEALS – PROGRESS (P34)

A schedule was submitted indicating the stages that various appeals against planning decisions had reached.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

(The meeting closed at 8.10pm)